(b) No guidelines for installing punching machines have been issued by the Govt. for maintenance of attendance records. However there are general instructions on punctuality. Under these instructions, the Heads of Offices/Deptts. have been empowered to evolve suitable measures to enforce punctuality.

(c) Does not arise.

New Education Policy

1149. SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to announce a New Education Policy;

(b) if so, by what time such policy is expected to be announced; and

(c) whether Government have reviewed the existing policies and identified the deficiencies of the same and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (c) Periodical reviews of the Education Policy have been undertaken in the post-Independence era from time to time. At present, the National Policy on Education (NPE), 1986 as updated in 1992 governs the system of Education. The present Government proposes wider consultations to review the educational policies to incorporate priorities listed in the National Agenda for Governance.

Education code for Kendriya Vidyalayas

1150. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Rule 81 (b) of the Education Code for Kendriya Vidyalayas is in conformity with India's Constitution and principles; and

(b) if so, how and if not, why it is still in vogue?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (b) Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) have informed as under:—

Rule 81(b) of Chapter VIII of Education Code provides for termination of service, after a summary enquiry, of an employee found prima facie guilty of moral turpitude involving sexual offense or exhibition of immoral sexual behaviour towards any student.

The article further provides for dispensing with regular enquiry under CCS (CCA) Rules, 1965 as applicable to KVS employees, if the Commissioner, KVS, is satisfied that it would not be expedient to hold a regular enquiry on account of serious embarrassment to the student or his/her guardians or such other practical difficulties.

Rule 81(b) of Chapter VIII of Education Code of Kendriya Vidyalayas is in conformity with proviso (b) of Article 311(2) of the Constitution of India.

Various courts have upheld the orders passed under Rule 81(b) by the Competent Authority as for example:

1. Sh. Jagprasad V/s Commissioner of 1995 (CWP 215118) Dated 11-11-98 (Delhi High Court).

2. Shri Mahinder Prasad Kesari V/s KVS of 1992 (CP No. 894) dated 17.9.91 (Patna High Court).

3. Shri Munin Choudhary V/s Chairman, KVS (CWP No. 533) of 1985 dated 12.9.89 (Gauhati High Court).

4. Shri B.G. Dwivedi V/s KVS (WP No. 4123) (SS) of 1994 dated 17.1.95 (Allahabad High Court).

Proposal to Promote the Languages Listed in the VIIIth Schedule of the Constitution

1151. SHRI K. M. SAIFULLAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to propagate and promote all languages,